

George B. Slater Carriage House
216 North Main Street
Webster
Worcester County
Massachusetts

HABS No. MA-1212

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PHOTOGRAPHS

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Massachusetts	COUNTY Worcester	TOWN OR VICINITY Webster
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) George B. Slater Carriage House		HABS NO. MA-1212
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 216 North Main Street, Webster, Massachusetts		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1862 (MHC Inventory Form)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) unknown	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Chief significance is its association with several generations of the Slater family, who were responsible for Webster's founding and its success as an important textile manufacturing center during the 19th and (continued p. 2)		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Italianate		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Clapboarded mortise & tenon timberframe (brick nogging in ground floor exterior walls of carriage house and stable sections and 2nd floor grain (cont'd p. 2)		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) see sketch floor plans (pp. 3 and 4)		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Labeled door & window frames, rhythmical row of labeled horse stall windows on south side, heavy multipanel main door and hayloft door, octagonal cupola with curved 8-faceted roof, slate roof, low-arch arcade across front of north ell.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) See pages 3 & 4 for plans. Interior of ground floor carriage house section: walls of exposed brick nogging trimmed with narrow vertical strips of wood moulding and wood tongue & groove wainscoting. Where walls not (cont'd p. 2)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Addition of north ell (1870-1898) (source: maps and atlases)		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Poor condition: badly deteriorated exterior clapboards, trim, cornice & roof; severe structural problems in NE corner of carriage house section; largely open to weather. Current use: storage.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) MHC Inventory Form, 1978, Geo. B. Slater House; Wm. Lester, Map of Webster, Morse & Tuttle, 1840; F.W. Beers, Map of Towns of Webster & Oudley. N.Y.: F.W. Beers, 1870; New Topographical Map of Worcester Co. Phila.: L.J. Richards,		
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SIGNIFICANCE (continued)

early 20th centuries. Occupied by members of the family until 1978, the nearby Federal style stone house (1827) was built by industrialist George B. Slater (1804-1843), a son of Samuel Slater -- "the father of American industry". Standing on the approximate site of an earlier carriage house or barn, the present carriage house (1862) was built during the lifetime of George Slater's widow, Lydia R. Slater (d. 1891), who at that time appears to have occupied the house together with a son, William, and his family. The structure is architecturally significant for its stylish and high quality detail, both exterior and interior.

MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (continued)

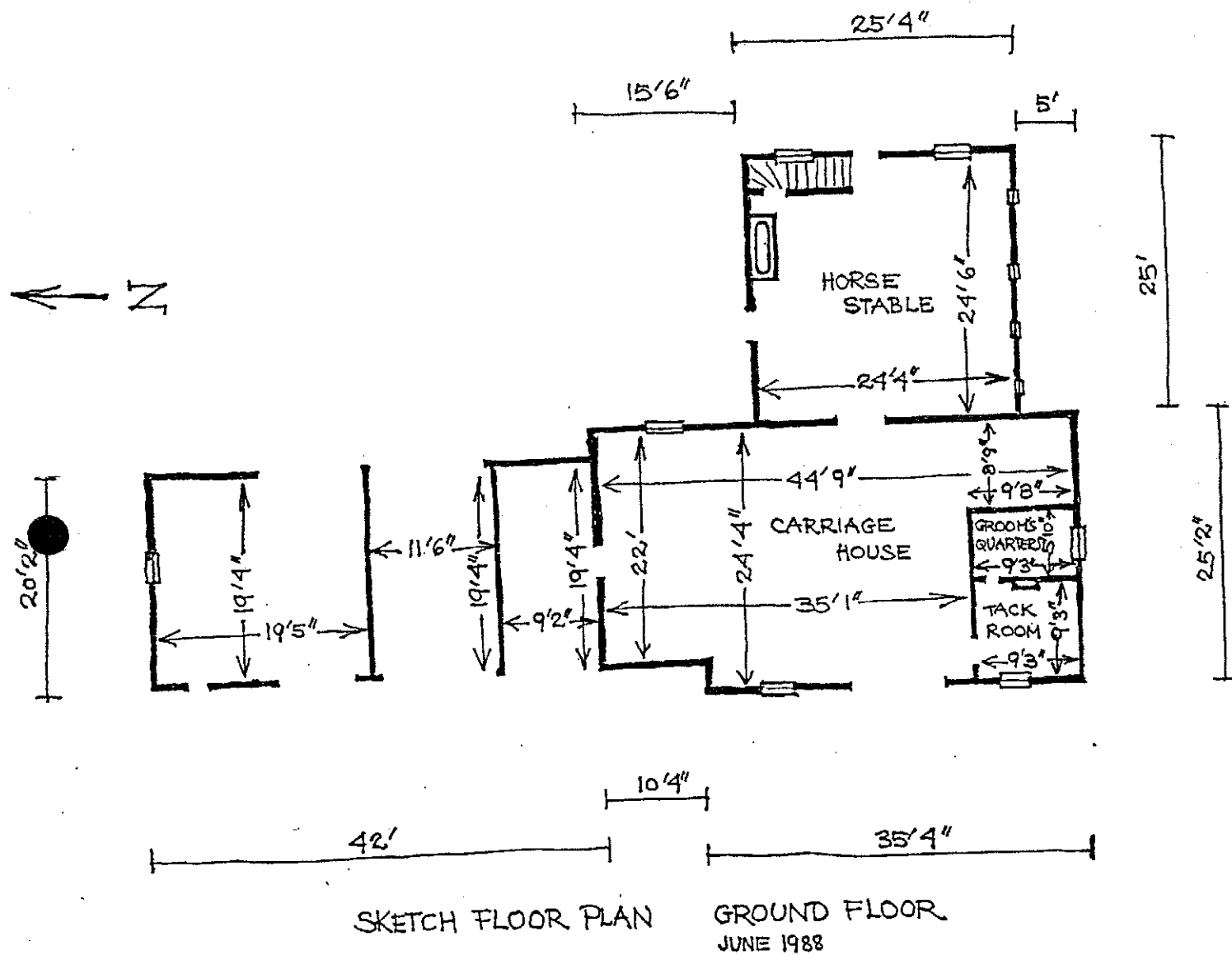
room), with structural iron suspension rods and tie bars in loft area (see location of suspension rods, p. 3).

INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (continued)

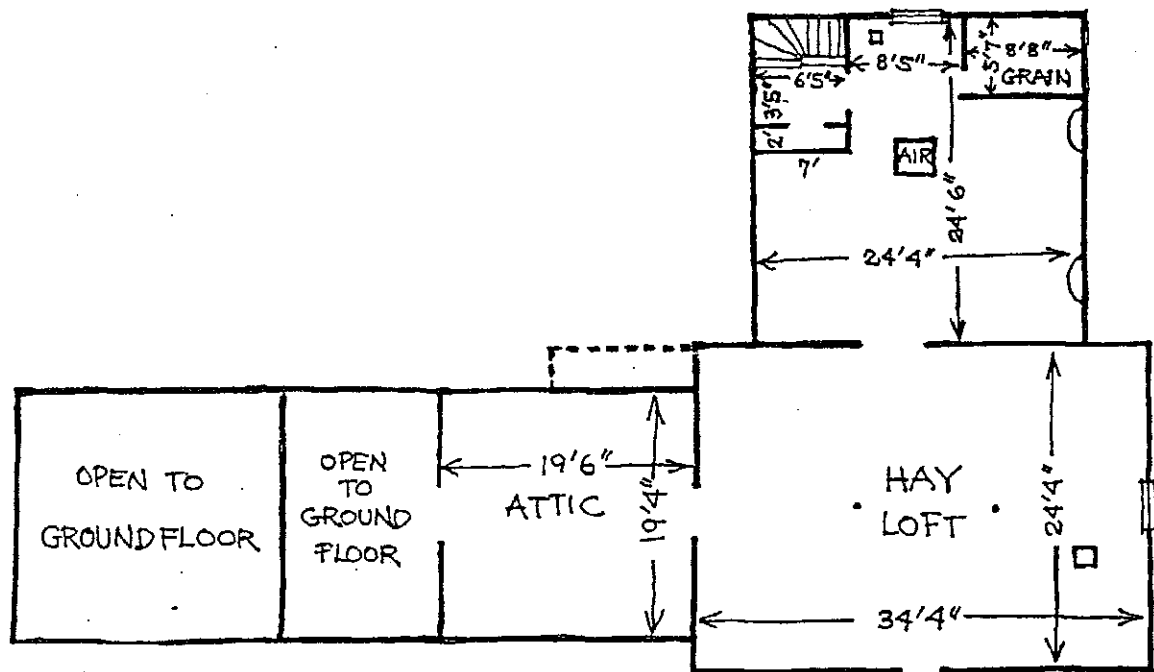
actually of brick, plaster painted to look like brick. Of particular interest in the stable (see photo #10) are the residential quality stair rail and foliate cast iron ceiling grille.

BIBLIOGRAPHY (continued)

1898; Insurance Maps of Webster. NY: Sanborn Map Co., 1911.



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SKETCH FLOOR PLAN SECOND FLOOR
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